

**ROUGH DRAFT
TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
November 20, 2007**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on November 20, 2007 at the Town Hall. Council President John Wilhelm called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with Councilpersons Lou Roberts, Ben Bolton, Clerk/Treasurer Bill Nixon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry King, and Attorney Dan Whitten in attendance. John Wilhelm opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ben Bolton moved that the minutes for the October 16, 2007 council meeting be approved as presented. Lou Roberts seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF October 31, 2007:

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| Porter Bank – Checking | \$220311.05 |
| Chase Bank – Savings | 137256.08 |
| Oct. Int. posted 11/2/07 | -590.17 |
| Record Balance | \$356976.96 |

Lou Roberts moved that the financial report be accepted. Ben Bolton seconded, and the financial report was accepted unanimously.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Ben Bolton moved the claims for November in the amount of \$14,198.61 be approved. Lou Roberts seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

League of Council – Minutes from the October 11, 2007 meeting
Towns and Smaller Cities of Northwest Indiana – Meeting Nov. 29, 5:30pm
LaPorte Civic Auditorium
Chesterton/Duneland Chamber – In need of Santa Claus volunteers to play Santa at the Santa House in Thomas Park downtown Chesterton
Heather Neal, Indiana Public Access Counselor – Town has not violated the Access to Public Records Act
Chesterton Duneland Chamber – Annual Christmas After Hours – Dec. 12 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

ROAD: – John Wilhelm read a report from Irv Call

BUILDING: John Sullivan

He has inspected the Hull project and he has applied for an occupancy permit. Mark Phelps is looking for a new builder.

MAINTENANCE: Mike Konopacki

Repaired retaining ties and put in a water hydrant at the Town Hall.

POLICE: John Wilhelm read a report from Cecilia Call.

ENVIRONMENT: Cheryl Evans

Cowles Bog lecture went well. Cathryn Bomberger will set-up a garden walk for next year. Cheryl sent a letter to Porter County Recycling to request a new composite nearer to our area. The hazardous plants in the soccer field have been moved near the Town Hall. The balance in the Oriental Bittersweet Removal Grant Fund is \$4168.49.

Rick Demkovich reported he sent a new contract proposal with Leatherwood, Inc. on Clubhouse renovation to Atty. Dan Whitten for his perusal.

OLD BUSINESS

Lou Roberts made a motion to ratify the contract between Kelly Klawson and the Town for the construction of a Clerk-Treasurer's office in the Town Hall. Ben Bolton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Dan Whitten read the first reading of Ordinance 2007-6 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DUNE ACRES TOWN CODE BY THE INCLUSION/DELETION/AMENDING OF CERTAIN SECTIONS." Lou Roberts moved approve the 1st reading. Ben Bolton seconded and it passed unanimously. The 2nd reading will be at next month's meeting on December 18th.

NEW BUSINESS

Ben Bolton gave a water main status report. Ridge, Fern, Circle & Beach have been completed and they have started paving.

Ben Bolton will set up the fireworks for Saturday, July 5th 2008.

Ben Bolton moved to pass Salary Ordinance 2007-4. Lou Roberts seconded and it passed unanimously.

Ben Bolton moved to accept Holiday Bonus Wage Ordinance 2007-5. Lou Roberts seconded and it passed unanimously.

The Council accepted Bill Nixon's resignation from the Plan Commission effective September 18th. The Council appointed Jane Dickey to finish out Bill's term (1/10/2010). They offered their thanks to Jane Dickey for filling the spot.

Lou Roberts reported 50 flu shots were given in town. The VNA will probably offer them every October in town.

Vicki Konopacki will be collecting clothing, toys and donations for the Salvation Army this Christmas season. You can leave your donations at the Security Office.

There will be an informal "Great Tree Lighting" Sunday, November 25 at 4:00 p.m.

OTHER MATTERS:

Cheryl Evans presented some of her concerns with the Richardson Wildlife Sanctuary parking lot posts and the Plan Commission membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

JOHN WILHELM, Town Council President

LOU ROBERTS, Town Council Member

BENJAMIN BOLTON, Town Council Member

William C. Nixon, Clerk-Treasurer

Sherry King, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer